

City of Muskegon  
City Commission Worksession  
May 11, 2009  
City Commission Chambers  
5:30 PM

MINUTES

2009-40

Present: Commissioners Warmington, Carter (arrived 5:35 p.m.), Wierengo, Shepherd, Wisneski, Gawron, and Spataro.

Absent: None.

**Amoco Seawall Presentation.**

Sidock Group, Inc. presented a report regarding the seawall located at the Amoco Terminal site. Sidock Group has been asked to recommend alternatives to the city seawall that has failed in some locations. Three alternatives were offered. They include partial replacement, complete replacement, and shoreline re-naturalization.

Mohammad Al-Shatel reminded the Commission that a fourth option is to do nothing.

The City Commission received the report and will give it further consideration.

**Richards Park – Muskegon Conservation District.**

Jeff Hout and Harry Wierenga, of the Muskegon Conservation District, made a conceptual presentation to the City Commission to build a 6,000 to 8,000 square foot building at Richards Park to host a variety of events and activities.

Muskegon Conservation District raises most of their funding through grants.

The Commission agreed that it is worth looking into further.

**Retirement Prescription Program.**

**Moved by Commissioner Spataro, seconded by Commissioner Wisneski to approve the police and fire prescription services for retirees as presented.**

***ROLL CALL VOTE:***

**Ayes: Warmington, Wierengo, Wisneski, Carter, Gawron, and Spataro.**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Shepherd.**

***MOTION PASSES***

**Assessor's Office Move.**

Muskegon County has approached the City of Muskegon asking that the city's assessing office be moved to the Muskegon County Equalization Department.

Tim Paul, Finance Director, stated that he can not recommend approval of the request at this time. He indicated that staff has concerns that information will not be available electronically making it difficult for departments who access the information on a regular basis.

Commissioners indicated they will review the request once Muskegon County is able to have a computer system up and running so information will be available in electronic format to city staff.

**National League of Cities Update.**

The National League of Cities Economic Steering Committee has indicated an interest in hosting its September meeting in Muskegon. A list of host responsibilities has been presented and the cost is estimated to be \$5,000.

City Clerk, Ann Marie Becker, informed the Commission that \$3,000 in sponsorships has been secured. They include:

DTE \$1,000

Muskegon Convention Visitors Bureau \$750

City of North Muskegon \$250

Michigan Municipal League \$1,000

The City of Norton Shores will consider a \$250 sponsorship at its May meeting.

All tours for the committee have been donated as well.

Commissioners Spataro, Wierengo, and Gawron volunteered funds from their travel budget.

**Motion by Commissioner Spataro, seconded by Commissioner Wierengo to sponsor the National League of Cities Economic Steering Committee's September visit and contribute \$1,000 toward the cost.**

***MOTION PASSES***

**Resolution of Support – Bike Time.**

**Motion by Commissioner Shepherd, seconded by Commissioner Spataro to approve the resolution supporting Bike Time 2009 contingent upon approval of the application from the Leisure Services Board.**

***MOTION PASSES***

**Deficit Elimination Plan for Home Rehabilitation Fund and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Fund.**

**Motion by Commissioner Wisneski, seconded by Vice Mayor Gawron to adopt the Deficit Elimination Plan for Home Rehabilitation Fund and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Fund resolution as presented.**

***MOTION PASSES***

**Any Other Business.**

**Milwaukee Clipper**

**Motion by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Spataro to extend the deadline for a business plan for the Milwaukee Clipper until August 15, 2009.**

**Ayes: Warmington, Wierengo, Carter, Gawron, Shepherd, and Spataro.**

**Nays: Wisneski.**

***MOTION PASSES***

**Adjournment**

**Motion by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd to adjourn at 7:03 p.m.**

***MOTION PASSES***

---

**Ann Marie Becker, MMC  
City Clerk**